

ABSOLUTE RATING: Average
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

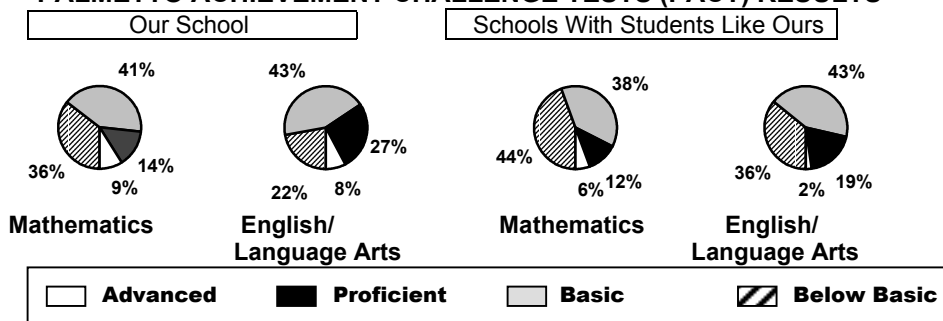
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 43. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to average.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT				
Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=90)	77.8%	64.4%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=13)	N/A	N/A		
Students without disabilities (n=77)	80.5%	70.1%		
Gender				
Male (n=54)	77.8%	66.7%		
Female (n=36)	77.8%	61.1%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=26)	N/A	N/A		
Hispanic (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=64)	85.9%	71.9%		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=50)	70%	52%		
Pay for lunch (n=40)	87.5%	80%		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,907	N/A	\$5,129	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	91.6%	Up from 89.6%	89.4%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	17.5 to 1	N/A	20.4 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=313)				
• Attendance rate	95.6%	Up from 95.4%	95.4%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	14.4%	N/A	5.2%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	11.1%	N/A	4.9%	4.0%
• Retention rate	1.8%	Up from 0.8%	3.6%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=25)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	6.4 Days	Down from 6.5	8 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	96.8%	Up from 95%	95.3%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	64%	Down from 70.8%	42.9%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	92%	Down from 95.8%	78%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	4%	Up from 0%	2.7%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	92.9%	Up from 90.5%	83.2%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$38,826	Up 4.2%	\$37,157	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	71.4%	N/A	62.2%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	12	N/A	4	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	99%	N/A	86.9%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	52.2%	45.8%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	0.6%	Up from 0.4%	5.6%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	1	N/A	17	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	0%	N/A	12.2%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	13.7%	Down from 14%	13.5%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	9.9%	Up from 8%	15.3%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

This has been a very challenging and rewarding year at Ruby Elementary School. Our students showed improvement and performed well academically, artistically, and athletically. Among our accomplishments are the following:

- * The percentage of students scoring "basic" or above on the 2000 PACT rose from 47 percent to 62 percent in Math and from 67 percent to 72 percent in English/Language Arts.
- * Our students accumulated 17,529 Accelerated Reader points, breaking the old school record of 12,981 points.
- * Thirty students qualified for the ALPHA gifted/talented program.
- * The softball team won the region championship, and the baseball team was co-champion in the region.
- * Our school participated in the South Carolina Reading Initiative Program.
- * Our school maintained South Carolina and Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation.
- * The Volunteer Program met the district goal and set a school record with 1,422 hours.
- * An Artist-in-Residence, obtained through an Arts in Education Grant, introduced and instructed students in the art of native drumming.

We are very proud of our students who received district and state recognition this year. One student won the district Spelling Bee, and another student, a Junior Scholar, was one of thirty students statewide selected to participate in Project Wise at Clemson University. Also, seven band students received superior ratings at the State Solo and Ensemble Competition.

Ruby Elementary continues to work cooperatively with the community to provide a positive environment which enables all students to earn a quality education.

Principal Nelson Hendrick

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	100.0	95.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	100.0	95.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	100.0	95.8	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

- Excellent** – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Good** – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Average** – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Below Average** – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.
- Unsatisfactory** – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Grades K-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 313 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Average



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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